

House Bill 736

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Manning of the 32nd, Hill of the 180th, Randall of the 138th, Abrams of the 84th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, so as to require public schools to provide parents or guardians of sixth grade female students information concerning the infection and the immunization against the human papillomavirus; to provide for information from the Department of Human Resources; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 3 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to student health in elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"20-2-776.

(a) On or after October 1, 2010, each public school shall annually provide to each parent or guardian of a female student who is entering sixth grade in such school information prescribed by the Department of Human Resources under subsection (b) of this Code section concerning the link between cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus infection and that an immunization against the human papillomavirus infection is available.

(b) The Department of Human Resources shall provide each local school system for distribution to each school described in subsection (a) of this Code section with the following information concerning cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus infection:

(1) The latest scientific information on the immunization against the human papillomavirus infection and the immunization's effectiveness against causes of cervical cancer;

(2) That a Pap smear is still critical for the detection of precancerous changes in the cervix to allow for treatment before cervical cancer develops;

- 26 (3) Information concerning the means by which the human papillomavirus infection is
27 contracted; and
28 (4) A statement that any questions or concerns regarding immunizing a child against
29 human papillomavirus could be answered by contacting a health care provider."

30 **SECTION 2.**

31 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.